

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL _____

STATE BOARD MEETING DATE August 27, 2007

SUBJECT: Alternative Paths to Certification –Extension until June 30, 2010

SUBMITTED BY: Jan Amator, Deputy Associate Superintendent for Highly Qualified Professionals

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: August 9, 2007

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Certification Task Force and the subsequent Alternative Path subcommittee began meeting and drafting language for the Alternative Secondary Professional Preparation Program in October, 2003. The State Board of Education approved a two-year pilot that allowed school districts to partner with institution of higher education or the Offices of the County Superintendent to provide alternative paths to certification on June 27, 2005. The proposed pilot began with the 2005-2006 school year and ended on June 30, 2007. Jane Dowling, external evaluator, provided information compiled from survey data received from candidates, districts and institutions of high education regarding their participation in the Alternative Paths to Certification at the June Board Meeting. Based on the findings of the external evaluator, ADE staff is requesting an extension of the current Alternative Professional Preparation Program until June 30, 2010.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED
BELOW**

Approve the extension of the current Alternative Professional Preparation Program until June 30, 2010.

ATTACHMENTS: YES [] NO [X]